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REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 0609 (NOTAL, (B) MANAGUA A-4, 1/18/77 (NOTAL),
(C) 76 MANAGUA 5721

1. WITH REGARD TO AGATT'S REQUEST (REF A) THAT EMBASSY ASSIST US BIRD IMPORTER BY NOTIFYING NICARAGUAN DIRGEN OF LIVESTOCK THAT USDA DOES NOT REQUIRE QUARANTINE OF BIRDS PRIOR TO THEIR IMPORTATION INTO THE US, EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT:

A. NICARAGUAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE REQUIRES CERTIFICATION BY VETERINARY DOCTOR THAT BIRDS HAVE BEEN QUARANTINED FOR 90 DAYS BEFORE IT WILL ISSUE AN EXPORT PERMIT. WHETHER MINAG INSTITUTED THIS REQUIREMENT IN RESPONSE TO USDA OR US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONCERNS IS NOT CLEAR, SINCE REGULATION APPLIES TO SHIPMENTS TO ALL FOREIGN DESTINATIONS.

B. US IMPORTERS OF BIRDS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NICARAGUA CURRENTLY HAS IN EFFECT TOTAL PROHIBITION ON EXPORTS OF BIRDS (REF B). THIS PROHIBITION TOOK EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1977 AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS UNTIL AN OFFICIAL QUARANTINE UNCLASSIFIED

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STATION CAN BE PUT INTO OPERATION. NICARAGUA HAS RECENTLY HAD SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE EXPORTS OF BIRDS, SUCH AS PARROTS, PARRAKEETS, ETC., AS MANY WERE FOUND TO HAVE NEWCASTLE DISEASE AFTER REACHING THEIR FOREIGN DESTINATIONS (REF C AND STATE A-5877, 12/9/76).

2. GIVEN CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH NEWCASTLE DISEASE, EMBASSY BELIEVES

IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO ENCOURAGE MINAG, IN ANY WAY, TO SLACKEN ITS HEALTH REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY THEREFORE DOES NOT PLAN TO PASS ON CONTENTS OF REF A.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF USDA AND US FWS REGULATIONS ON IMPORATION OF BIRDS FOR ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH MINAG OFFICIALS AND LOCAL EXPORTERS. MEANWHILE US IMPORTERS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF PROBIBITION ON EXPORTS OF ALL BIRDS FOR THE TIME BEING.

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